



AGENDA

Citizens' Advisory Committee

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

December 14, 2011

Maple Grove Sports Dome 9880 Fernbrook Lane North

- A. Call to Order by Chair
- B. Minutes: Approve Minutes from September 14, 2011
- C. Area Reports (Forms in Packet)
- D. Tour of Sports Dome
- E. Other Business and Updates
- F. Adjournment

Minutes

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by CAC Co-Chair Bob Joiner at the Maple Grove Government Center.

Members

Present

John Beacham	Leslie Bender	Linda Furst
Lorraine Gresser	Bob Joiner	Pam Larson
Steven Maas	Joe Piket	Don Skoglund

Members Absent

Stephen Gill, Greg Hulne, Harry Kennedy, Tim Klevar, Joan Masberg, Kevin Rebman, Katie Rodriguez

Others Present

City Councilmember Phil Leith, City Administrator Al Madsen, CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz, and three students—Anna, Megan and Rachel—who are attending as part of their Government class at Maple Grove Senior High, and a parent of one of the students.

Area Reports

- Enforcement of the sign ordinance and possible future review of ordinance for amendments was mentioned by a member specifically as it relates to his business. He has noticed similar businesses that have signs up when he thought they weren't allowed or are up for longer than ordinance permits.

The comment was made that most sign items are reviewed on a complaint basis. The Zoning Enforcement Officer, who reviews all matters relating to signs, cannot spend all her time looking for violations and primarily addresses them as they are brought to her attention or if she notices them when she is out on inspections.

It was also mentioned that data practices allows for the privacy of individuals who lodge a complaint.

- Request was made for an update on the Bass Lake Road project including the timeline for completion and the lighting as the levels seem too low. Al Madsen stated the majority of the work is to be done this year.
- Discussion took place on the delay of about a year in the roundabout at Zachary Lane and 101st Avenue due to Three Rivers Park District. In addition, the question was asked why the Zachary roundabouts were put in at an angle versus perpendicular to 610.
- The remark was made about 101st Avenue being in poor condition in the area before and after it spans I-94, and the question was asked when this segment is planned for upgrades.

- Mention was made about the Market Value Homestead Credit. Al Madsen stated there will be an impact on businesses and apartment complexes. He stated that most homeowners won't see much of a change. Mr. Madsen stated Maple Grove has a good commercial/industrial base and can handle the change. In addition, he said the 2012 proposed tax levy is .4%, and the 2012 budget does not have any new positions.
- A CAC member heard the City will now have two firefighters staffing each fire station 24-hours a day. The question was asked if that is accurate and, if so, is it paid staff and are the positions full-time.

Mr. Madsen stated the Police, not Fire, go on the medicals.

- Inquiry was made about the shopping area/housing development proposed for the southwest part of the City. Al Madsen stated that it is an 82-unit single-family development that will go in first. It is hoped that an application for a grocery store will come in spring 2012.

Welcome of Students

The students/parent in attendance introduced themselves and were welcomed by CAC to the meeting.

Work Plan Ideas

The statement was made that for the last few years there have been no major items to the Citizens Advisory Committee to address/review.

Since there has been no movement on a facility for the Osseo Maple Grove Basketball Association, it is felt there is no role for CAC at this time.

The request was made of Al Madsen for an overview of the community for the end of 2011 and 2012.

He provided the following:

- Foreclosures are down. Currently at 254; peaked at around 450-475. There are more buyers, and banks are getting more aggressive.
- Commercial/industrial is going well. The retail vacancy rate is 6.5%.
- Rodizio Steakhouse is going into the former Smith & Hawken location at The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes. Home Goods is moving into the old Circuit City space. Borders, Ultimate Electronics and World Market continue to be vacant.
- An 80,000 square foot expansion of the new Caterpillar (formerly Tennant) building is expected.
- Big Lots has moved into the old Target location at County Road 30 and Dunkirk. The area also will include a Discount Tire, White Castle, Leeann Chin, and an oil change facility.

- Construction should start next spring on an Aldi Grocery store by Cambria Suites.
- Upsher-Smith plans an expansion in the near future.
- There have been approximately 250 new housing permits for 2011, which indicates that single-family housing is picking up.
- Granville housing development is slated for the Gravel Mining area.
- Vacancy rate for rental housing is under 5%.
- Senior housing project is proposed for the southeast corner of Weaver Lake Road and Main Street.
- The new senior housing development on Arbor Lakes Parkway is 70-75% occupied.

Mr. Madsen was asked how the Citizens Advisory Committee can interact with and/or assist the City Council and were there any topics of interest/areas to explore.

The question was asked if there had been any discussion of a golf course in the Gravel Mining Area. Al Madsen stated the landowners felt it is not a good use of the site. They would prefer commercial/industrial development. In addition, there are concerns about fertilizer as the site sits on the City's aquifer.

Mr. Madsen stated he was not aware of any "hot" issues.

Mike Opatz stated there are a couple tours possible in the future. One being the sports dome for December 2011. The Public Works Facility should be completed near the end of February/March 2012 with a tour of the spring. An open house for the facility is planned for May 22nd. In addition, an open house will be held on October 8, 2011 for the expansion at Fire Station #1.

Discussion turned to communications/public relations for the sports dome. It was suggested the athletic associations involved need to share information and should have a meeting and invite City and ISD 279 officials. Discussion also included that there should be articles in the City newsletter, and ISD 279 should also provide information to the public to clear up any misunderstandings about the various parties involvement, financial obligations, etc.

Mr. Madsen suggested quarterly meetings, and if a topic comes up that CAC could address, then CAC could meet to review.

Discussion took place on the OMGBA facility and if there was a role the City/ISD 279 would play if it was felt the project had demand/need to pursue. The statement was made the building would possibly have uses for other sports. If CAC were to be involved, then it would need to be at the direction of the City Council.

Regarding CAC input on the sports dome, the Committee looked at dome usage, facilities, and economics and brought that information and recommendation to the City Council. In addition, a CAC subcommittee did existing dome tours.

OMGBA is in a better financial position, has done better planning and saving, and has money allocated. It was stated that for past projects (second sheet of ice and sports dome) the City did 80% funding with the Athletic Association(s) providing 20%. Athletic associations having the necessary funds can be/has been an issue. The statement was made the City is not willing to pay annual operating expenses.

Athletic Associations should look at other opportunities and be more creative in their marketing. They should look at hosting clinics/tournaments rather than selling coffee, trinkets, etc.

Motion made and seconded for the Citizens Advisory Committee to meet quarterly and address opportunities as they may arise.

Discussion took place on the motion. The statement was made the desire not to see the CAC disband/go away and continue to keep CAC as a vehicle for communication.

Discussion took place on updates/issues from other City committees. Mention was made of the past public forum that included all the committees. In addition, appointed CAC members attended other City committee meetings and provided updates to the CAC members, but that didn't go far.

The suggestion was made for CAC to meet monthly and decide the next meeting date at that time.

Motion passed with eight ayes and one nay.

Other Business/ Updates

Discussion took place on the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community program. This is a program in which the City and other community organizations are supportive of the military families in their community.

Councilmembers LeAnn Sargent and Erik Johnson are co-chairs of the recently formed Beyond the Yellow Ribbon committee in Maple Grove. The City got the first meeting going, and then the committee takes over any next steps/action. Co-Chair Johnson has said they are hoping to put together a more formal meeting within 30 days. If anyone is interested in the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon committee, they should send an email to Councilmember Johnson or Councilmember Sargent.

There is a Pierre Bottineau Transitway meeting on September 15th. It was stated that Maple Grove's state elected officials are not as

active/supportive in this project. Gravel Mining Area owners would be involved but do not appear to be very interested. There will be a presentation at the October City Council meeting about the transitway.

Southwest Maple Grove is the most active area for new housing development. The development of 610 was a factor in the City holding off on development in the northwest area.

Brief discussion took place on the Four Seasons development.

The question was asked as to whether Councilmember Leith would continue as the Council liaison to CAC. The City will look at Council reappointments in December/January. CAC hopes that Councilmember Leith will continue to be the liaison.

Al Madsen mentioned that on September 15th from 5:45 to 8:15 p.m. there would be a Housing For All bus tour. If anyone is interested, they should contact St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris
Minute Secretary

Area Reports

Mike Opatz

From: Marc Culver
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 3:16 PM
To: Mike Opatz
Subject: RE: CAC - Area Reports related Road Projects

Mike,

Please see responses to the questions below.

- Update on the Bass Lake Road project including the timeline for completion and the lighting levels seem to low.

The Bass Lake Road project is expected to finish next year sometime, probably late summer. The contract gives the contractor until the end of October to finish the project, but unless we have another wet spring like this year, we expect a modest early finish.

While the lighting levels appear lower on this roadway, that is partly due to the fact the existing vertical grades and horizontal curves are not designed to allow your headlights to “see” far enough ahead of you. Once the roadway is complete, the lighting at intersections (which should be in place even now), the new bridges and the adjacent development along with the headlights should illuminate enough of the road to provide proper sight distance.

As a side note to that, we do not light all of our corridors. The recently completed County Road 30 is a good example. There is ample lighting at all intersections, but nothing in-between until you get to the retail area just before Dunkirk Lane. But the widened road and smoother horizontal and vertical curves makes the roadway feel more lit up. This should be the end result of the Bass Lake Road corridor as well.

- Why were the Zachary roundabouts put in at an angle versus perpendicular to 610?

Zachary Lane presented a significant challenge to the designers of the 610 project due to the large overhead transmission power lines along the north side of Highway 610. The original alignment of Zachary Lane had a power line tower located in the southwest corner of Zachary Lane and 97th Ave. To move this tower would have cost well over \$1 million and may have required the relocation of at least one more tower in the line. While the cost may have been carried by the project, the timeline would have likely added at least a year to the project as work on the towers can only occur during power outages on the line that are scheduled well into the future. With the use of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, all construction activities had to be complete by February of 2012. There just wasn't time to deal with the towers.

The alternative would have been to shift the roadway widening to the east, but that would have resulted in the taking of at least one residential property north of 610, which was not identified in the environmental documentation, again, resulting in a project delay. Another alternative was to shift the alignment west as was ultimately done. The use of roundabouts versus signals made this a possibility. The angle alignment also allowed the contractor to build the bridge while traffic was still on the original alignment of Zachary Lane. Building the bridge on the original alignment would have likely resulted in a longer closure of Zachary Lane.

As an additional note, the choice of roundabouts over signals also saved money on the project (the bridge for the roundabout design is narrower than the bridge needed for traffic signals and the cost of the signals themselves would have added cost to the construction of the interchange), resulted in a traffic control scenario that has fewer and less severe crashes (roundabouts have a proven lower crash history than traffic signals) and also results in lower delays to traffic especially in the off peak time periods.

- 101st Avenue is in poor condition in the area before and after it spans I-94. When is this segment planned for upgrades?

101st Ave is a difficult roadway to plan for at this time due to the lack of development around the roadway that would normally pay for the upgrade of 101st Ave. In the meantime, the roadway has never been graded and surfaced in the manner necessary to accommodate traffic beyond the volumes typically found within a rural environment. During the development of Delgany, Dunlavin Woods and the Hindu Temple, the City Council took into account a number of factors as it relates to allowing certain development proposals and staging of infrastructure:

1. It was anticipated that traffic generated by the Delgany and Dunlavin Woods developments would use CR 30, as opposed to 101st Avenue, and that the capacity of CR 30 was adequate at the time.
2. The Hindu Temple was a unique site specific traffic generator and with interim improvements, as you see them out there today, would be adequate until which time 101st Avenue and Lawndale Lane were improved.
3. In 2006, Council determined that any additional development lying north of 101st and east of Rush Creek was premature until which time CR 30 is upgraded and that 101st Avenue and Lawndale Lane is improved with utilities and a street to accommodate traffic volumes and loadings typical of an urbanized area.

Currently, CR 30 has been upgraded. If not for the economic conditions of the past four years, it was anticipated that 101st Avenue would have been reconstructed as an urban street by now. So that leaves the City with what we have today. The interim improvements that you see today are a result of using a by-product of the City's street reconstruction program which is basically ground up bituminous pavement. That work was done in an effort to control dust for those residents living along the road. It was not intended to accommodate a significant increase in traffic. We plan to continue to use this technique to enhance the road to a minimally maintained level until which time development proposals provide the financing to upgrade 101st Avenue to an urban street. In the meantime, it is recommended that residents that do not live on 101st Ave use CR 30 as a traffic route to the commercial districts and points west. The City has made a significant investment in the roadway improvements on County Road 30 and the signals at Garland Lane, Lawndale Lane and Troy Lane along CR 30 for that purpose.

- Question on the construction project along Vicksburg Lane

The City of Maple Grove is in the process of reconstructing Vicksburg Lane south of Bass Lake Road. This project involves the removal of all the pavement, spot removal of some curb, and placement of new curb and bituminous pavement. The project is about half done (as of October 3rd) and is expected to be complete by the end of October. By the time you read this, traffic will have been moved over to the newly paved northbound lanes and the southbound lanes will be in the process of being removed.

If you have any additional questions about these or any other projects in the City, please feel free to call Ken Ashfeld, Director of Public Works/City Engineer or Marc Culver, Traffic Engineer, at (763) 494-6350.

Marc...

From: Mike Opatz
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 10:48 AM
To: Marc Culver
Cc: Mike Opatz; Carol Morris; Al Madsen
Subject: CAC - Area Reports related Road Projects

Marc,

The CAC asked about the following road projects last night:

- Update on the Bass Lake Road project including the timeline for completion and the lighting as the levels seem to low.
- Why was the Zachary roundabouts put in at an angle versus perpendicular to 610?

- 101st Avenue is in poor condition in the area before and after it spans I-94. When is this segment planned for upgrades?

An e-mail response to me is fine.

Thanks.

Mike

Mike Opatz

From: Mike Opatz
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 9:50 AM
To: Mike Opatz; 'warrenpam@aol.com'; 'srmaas@travelers.com'; 'jmasberg@aol.com'; 'rrkr@comcast.net'; 'john.beacham@comcast.net'; 'benfamacad@hotmail.com'; 'stephen.gill@courts.state.mn.us'; 'donskoglund@gmail.com'; 'tklevar@comcast.net'; 'kr01@cybercrafts.org'; 'joepiket@hotmail.com'; 'harry.kennedy@comcast.net'; 'ghulne@gmail.com'; LINDA FURST; bljoiner1@comcast.net
Cc: Phil Leith; Al Madsen
Subject: FW: CAC - Area Report related to Fire Department Staffing

CAC Members,

At the September CAC meeting there was question if the City will now have two firefighters staffing each fire station 24-hours a day. Here is the response from the Fire Chief.

Mike Opatz

From: Scott Anderson
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 11:59 AM
To: Mike Opatz
Subject: RE: CAC - Area Reports related to Fire Department Staffing

We have 9 full time staff that work M-F and handle administration, personnel, and training. They also handle equipment maintenance and fire inspections. They respond to emergencies during work hours. The full time staff work from City Hall.

There is no staff assigned to shifts at any of the fire stations. Station staff is on call. There are presently 95 paid on call (POC) firefighters. These were formerly referred to as volunteer firefighters. They are all City residents and are alerted to emergencies during the hours they are not at their regular full time jobs.

We do staff a duty crew with two POC firefighters between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on weekdays. This duty crew helps supplement manpower during the weekday/daytime hours when most POC firefighters are out of the city at their regular jobs.

The POC firefighters are paid for response to calls, participation in training, and misc work tasks on an hourly basis and participate in a special POC firefighter pension. This is a City job classification and they are considered to be employees of the City.

Typically, the fire department responds to about three emergency calls every twenty-four hours.

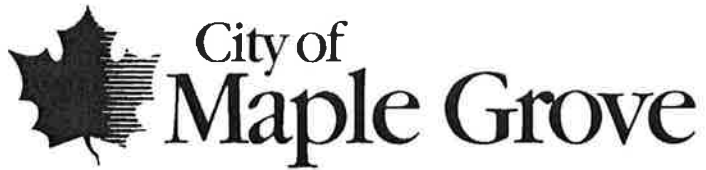
We do not typically respond to medical incidents, the police department handles this. The police are generally deployed throughout the city allowing them a better response time. If fire were to respond to all medical calls, we would have to pay firefighters to staff the stations leading to much higher personnel costs with little improvement in quality of treatment already provided by the police. Paramedic ambulance service would continue to be provided by North Memorial ambulance no matter if police or fire were the primary emergency medical responders.

We are presently in the hiring process for additional POC firefighters. We are very encouraged on receiving nearly 100 applications. Following interviews and other screening, the successful candidates will begin training just after the first of the year. We recruit once a year and do one hiring and provide one recruit training class each year.

Some of our neighbors have different staffing models such as Brooklyn Park. Because they respond to over 30 calls, primarily emergency medical incidents each day, they staff 24-hour duty crews of two firefighters in three of their stations. Their City demographics and mode of operation would not fit well in Maple Grove.

Scott

Tour of Sports Dome



MEMORANDUM

TO: CAC Members

FROM: Mike Opatz, CAC Staff Liaison

DATE: December 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Tour Sports Dome

Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department will provide CAC members with a tour of the new Sports Dome on December 14, 2011.

The facility address is 9880 Fernbrook Lane North. It is located just north of the Maple Grove High School. The dome has its own parking lot that you can access via the school parking lot.

Attached is some additional information on the Sports Dome from the City Newsletter and the City website.

City of Maple Grove

Winter 2011 Newsletter

"Serving Today, Shaping Tomorrow"

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Maple Grove residents have a new venue for their sports. Construction on the much anticipated Maple Grove Sports Dome is complete, and the facility is open and operating as of early November. The facility consists of an upgraded athletic field at Maple Grove Senior High School that is covered with an inflatable dome each fall to provide a much needed facility for sports programs operating in Maple Grove.

The dome serves as a training and game site that will be used by local youth baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse groups. In addition to the primary field usage area, the Sports Dome possesses a walking path on the perimeter for use by all residents during the dome season, with evening and weekend hours of operation.

Terry Just, Parks and Recreation Director commented, "Planning for the Dome began in 2006, and it is very exciting to provide this facility for the community. Until now, Maple Grove youth have had to go to other facilities all over the Twin Cities for similar experiences. It is very rewarding to now be able to keep Maple Grove youth in Maple Grove for their winter training and recreation opportunities."

The dome is truly a collaborative effort on the part of the four user groups. The Osseo School District provided the site and land for the dome. Construction funds were provided through a partnership of the City and the Osseo Maple Grove Athletic Association and Maplebrook Soccer Association, both also provided long-term commitments for rental of dome hours. Additional project funds were provided from Hennepin County via the Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant Program. The City of Maple Grove will manage and operate the dome and coordinate all dome usage and rental.

The dome will be in place from November to April of each year at which time it is taken down. The artificial turf field then serves as a school district and community football/soccer/lacrosse field for use during the spring, summer and fall sports seasons. Upon completion of the fall sports season, the dome is again installed and inflated for winter and early spring usage.

If you are interested in further information on the Maple Grove Sports Dome operations, please contact the Dome Supervisor Jeanne Vestal at jvestal@ci.maple-grove.mn.us



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Maple Grove Sports Dome - 9880 Fernbrook La N

Want to drop in for Open Dome use? Check out our Open Dome Information. The cost is only \$5.00 per person!

Questions about rental availability? Contact Jeanne Vestal at jvestal@ci.maple-grove.mn.us or call 763-494-6480.

Come and check out the Dome Walking Track! There is no cost to use walking track.

Dome Walking Track Calendar
4.8 Laps = 1 Mile



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Open Dome Information

Open Dome Dates:

Friday, December 2nd from 3:30pm - 5:00pm (Non-School Day)
 Wednesday, December 7th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm (North Side Only)
 Wednesday, December 14th from 7:00pm-9:00pm (North Side Only)
 Wednesday, December 21st from 5:00pm-6:30pm (North & South Side)

The cost is \$5.00 per person payable at the door.

Open Dome Guidelines:

- Sport turf activities are allowed.
- Coaches may not conduct organized practices.
- Baseball/softball grounders may be hit but no pitching and hitting.
- Batting cage use is not included in Open Dome. See www.omgaa.org for use of the batting cages.
- No baseball, softball or lacrosse games may be played.



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MAPLE GROVE SPORTS DOME

December 2011

Info line: 763-494-6477

Dome Walking Track Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3
5:00pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 6:00pm	4:30pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 8:00pm	8:00am - 4:00pm
12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10
5:00pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 5:30pm	4:30pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 8:00pm	8:00am - 4:00pm
12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17
5:00pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 5:30pm	4:30pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 9:00pm	4:30pm - 8:00pm	8:00am - 4:00pm
12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24
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12/25	12/26	12/27	12/28	12/29	12/30	12/31
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Other Business and Updates

AREA REPORT
Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

*Please use this form to express your concerns,
suggestions, and positive comments on things you see
taking place in Maple Grove!*

Name: _____ (Required)

Date: _____

Phone: _____ (Please include if responding party has
any questions)

Comment: _____

Comment: _____

Comment: _____

**Submit your completed form to Mike Opatz at the monthly CAC meeting. Area Reports will
be submitted to the appropriate City staff/department, and a response will be in a future CAC
agenda packet.**